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Toronto - Dental Society.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

TORONTO DENTAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I-THE SOCIETY.

SEC. 1.—This Society shall be known as the Toronto Dental Society.

SEC. 2.—The object of this Society shall be the mutual improvement of its members, and the advancement of the Science of Dental and Oral Surgery.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. I.—This Society shall consist of active and honorary members.

SEC. 2—Active members in this Society must be legal practitioners of dental surgery, in the city of Toronto or vicinity, whose applications have been approved of by the Committee on Membership and Ethics, who on a ballot vote of the Society, have not received more than two negative votes, and who have signed the constitution and by-laws, and paid the membership fee.

SEC. 3—Such scientific and professional gentlemen as the Society may deem advisable may be elected as honorary members, by unanimous ballot.

- SEC. 4.—Every active member shall take such part in the programme as shall be directed by the Programme Committee.
- SEC. 5.—On recommendation of the Committee on Membership and Ethics, any member may be expelled for unprofessional conduct, malpractice, or immorality, by a three-fourths vote of the members present.
- SEC. 6.—All applications for membership shall be sent to the Secretary at least one week before a regular meeting of the Society, and he shall forward them at once to the Secretary of the Membership and Ethics Committee.

ARTICLE III-OFFICERS.

- SEC. I.—The officers of this Society shall consist of an Honorary President, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- SEC. 2.—The officers shall be elected by ballot, after nomination, without debate, at the October and April meetings. A majority of votes cast constituting an election.
- SEC. 3.—No member shall hold the same office for two successive terms.
- SEC. 4.—The duties of the officers shall be those usually attached to such offices.
- Sec. 5.—Any office becoming vacant shall be filled at the first regular meeting of the Society after such vacancy has occurred.

ARTICLE IV—COMMITTEES.

- SEC. 1.—The Standing Committees shall be chosen at the October and April meetings, and shall be:—Executive, Membership and Ethics, Programme.
- SEC. 2.—The Executive Committee shall have charge of the general business of the Society.

SEC. 3.—The Committee on Membership and Ethics shall consist of three active members, nominated by the President, and elected by a majority vote of the members present. Its duties shall be to consider and report upon all applications for membership, and on all complaints made in reference to the conduct, professional or otherwise, of any member of this Society.

SEC. 4.—The Programme Committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the President. The duties of this Committee shall be to arrange, and have printed, the programme in advance, for their term of office.

ARTICLE V-MEETING.

SEC. I.—The regular meetings of this Society shall be held on the second Monday of each month, at 8 p.m., SHARP, at such place as the Executive Committee shall direct.

SEC. 2. Eight members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. - A special meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or by the written request of four active members, two days notice of such meeting having been given to the members in writing.

SEC. 4.—Funds for the ordinary expenses of this Society shall be raised by annual dues of \$1.00, and an assessment if necessary, and no member shall be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the Society while his dues remain unpaid.

SEC. 5. This constitution may be amended or altered at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment or alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

SEC. 6.—This Society may be dissolved at any time by a three-fourths vote of the members present, written notice of such proposed dissolution having been given by nine members at the previous meeting, and notice of such motion having been sent to all active members in good standing. The property of the Society to be disposed of in such manner as the Society directs.

BY-LAWS-ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I. Calling to Order.
- II. Reading of Minutes.
- III. Unfinished Business,
- IV. Reports of Committees.
- V. Balloting for Candidates.
- VI. Election of Officers.
- VII. Reports of Officers.
- VIII. New Business.
 - IX. Notices of Motion.
 - X. Programme.
 - XI. Question Box.
 - XII. Announcements.
- XIII. Adjournment.
- 2. No candidate rejected shall again be proposed for membership within six months, unless by unanimous vote of members present.
- 3. All motions and notices of motion shall be written, except votes of thanks. motions to reconsider, to adjourn, previous question, or to lay on the table.
- 4. Reports of committees, other than reports of progress, shall be in writing and signed by the chair.
- 5. The Society may, by a two-thirds vote, at any meeting, either alter, add to, strike out, or suspend, any rule of order or by-law.
- 6. Any member may invite his friends to attend the meetings of the Society. Students of all active members shall be permitted to be present at the meetings.

7. Any member arraigned for trial before this Society shall have served upon him by the Secretary a copy of the specific charges against him, at least one month previous to the time appointed for trial.

8. If any officer of this Society shall absent himself from three successive meetings, the said office may be declared vacant, and the Society proceed to fill said

vacancy.

9. Every member present shall vote on all questions,

if called upon to do so

10. Todd's Manual shall be the code of the Society in case of any deficiency in these by-laws.

Regular meetings shall adjourn at 10 p.m., SHARP.

CODE OF ETHICS.-ARTICLE I.

SEC. I.—The dentist should be ever ready to respond to the reasonable wants of his patrons, and should fully recognize the obligations involved in his duties toward them, as, in many cases, they are unable to comprehend the operation or service performed, or to correctly estimate its value. The practitioner must be guided by his own sense of right, in treating the cases as his own superior knowledge dictates. His manner should be gentle and sympathetic, and yet sufficiently firm to enable him to secure the best results of his skill. He should gain the confidence of his patrons, not alone by the skilful performance of difficult operations, but also by attending carefully and conscientiously to the simpler cases committed to his care.

SEC. 2.—The dentist, without being obtrusive or pedantic, should impart such information to his patrons as his opportunities afford him, in regard to the causes and nature of the disease in the teeth, or adjacent parts, which he may be called upon to treat, and should explain to them the importance of availing themselves of such timely preventatives or remedies as he may deem necessary to their welfare. He should also communicate such general information as shall enable them to exercise an intelligent appreciation of what the profession aims to accomplish.

SEC. 3.—The dentist shall be temperate in all things; keeping both mind and body in the best possible health, that his patients may have the benefit of that clearness of judgment and skill which they have a right to expect.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. I.—Every member of the dental profession is bound, as such, to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession. To this end, he should himself be upright and courteous in his intercourse with the public, and his brethren in the profession.

SEC. 2.—It is unprofessional to resort to public advertisements, such as cards, handbills, posters or signs, calling attention to peculiar styles of work, photos, lithographs, or engravings made from wood, steel, or other materials, advertising free operations, prices for services, special modes of operating, or to claim superiority over neighboring practitioners, to publish reports of cases, or certificates in the public prints, to go from house to house soliciting or performing operations, to circulate or recommend nostrums, or to perform other similar acts. But nothing in this section shall be so construed as to imply that it is unprofessional for dentists to announce in the public prints, or by card, simply their names, occupation, and place of business; or, in the same manner to announce their removal, absence from, or return to business; or to issue, to their patients, appointment cards, a fee bill for professional services thereon.

SEC. 3.—The dentist, when applied to for merely advice or temporary relief, by the patient of a reputable practitioner, whose services at that time he is unable to procure, should guard against disparaging the family dentist by hints, inquiries, or any other means calculated to weaken the patient's confidence in him. At the same time the dentist should not, from too high a sense of professional courtesy to his neighboring practitioner, allow the interests of persons so applying for counsel or service, to be jeopardized.

SEC. 4.—When general rules shall have been adopted by members of the profession practising in the same localities, in relation to fees, it is unprofessional and dishonorable to depart from these rules, except when variation of circumstances requires it. And it is ever to be regarded as unprofessional to warrant operations or work, as an inducement to patronage; it is also unprofessional to violate, or be a party to the violation, in letter or in spirit, of the Dental Law.

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